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Thomasenia P. Duncan, Esq.
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Federal Elections Commission
999 E Street, NW
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Re: MUR 6195

Dear Ms. Duncan:

This letter intends to respond to the complaint that has been assigned the aforementioned number, and to demonstrate that no action should be taken against the committee, Michael Bond for Congress (FEC ID# C00462580) or its candidate, Michael Bond (FEC ID# H0IL10252).

Complainant asserts that Mr. Bond "fail[ed]" to file his Statement of Candidacy (FEC Form 2) within 15 days of becoming a candidate as required by FEC regulations." The grounds for this assertion are: 1) April 29, 2009 news reports of Mr. Bond announcing that he will be a candidate for Congress, and 2) an April 23, 2009 news article reporting that Mr. Bond hired consultants for his campaign. None of these reported events are determinative as to when an individual becomes a federal candidate, thereby triggering the counting of the 15 days within which to file a statement of candidacy. (11 C.F.R. 101.1(a)).

Section 100.3 makes plain the particular events that cause an individual to become a federal candidate, all of which center on an individual receiving contributions or making expenditures in excess of \$5,000. (11 C.F.R. 100.3). As will be disclosed in the Committee's upcoming July Quarterly Report, the first contribution was not received until June 1, 2009, and the \$5,000 contribution threshold was met on June 9, 2009. Additionally, the FEC received the Statement of Candidacy on June 9, 2009, well within the 15 day requirement.

Moreover, the Report will show that the \$5,000 threshold for expenditures was met at an even later date.

In sum, no action should be taken in this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration given in the review of this response.

Respectfully,


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